## **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 2, 3, 28 and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-13 and 15-27 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 15, 17 and 19 are independent claims. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 4-13 and 15-27 are allowed.

Entry of the Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance because all pending claims are allowable.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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